

# listen to . . . , look at . . . , etc. (verb + preposition)

## A

**ask** (somebody) **for** . . .

- A man stopped me and **asked** me **for** money.

**belong** to . . .

- Does this book **belong to** you? (= Is this your book?)

**happen** to . . .

- I can't find my pen. What's **happened to** it?

**listen** to . . .

- **Listen to** this music. It's great.

**look at** . . .

- He's **looking at** his watch.
- **Look at** these flowers! They're beautiful.
- Why are you **looking at** me like that?



**look for** . . .

- She's lost her key. She's **looking for** it.
- I'm **looking for** Sarah. Have you seen her?



**speak/talk to** somebody **about** something

- Did you **talk to** Paul **about** the problem?
- (*on the phone*) Can I **speak to** Chris, please?

**take care of** . . .

- When Pat is at work, a friend of hers **takes care of** her children.
- Don't lose this book. **Take care of** it.

**thank** somebody **for** . . .

- **Thank** you very much **for** your help.

**think about** . . .

- He never **thinks about** (*or of*) other people.

*or* **think of** . . .

- Mark is **thinking of** (*or about*) buying a new computer.

**wait for** . . .

- **Wait for** me. I'm almost ready.

**write (to)** . . .

- I tried calling the company, but they didn't answer, so I **wrote to** them. (*or I wrote them*)

## B

**Call, e-mail, and text**

**call somebody, e-mail somebody, text somebody** (no preposition)

- I have to **call** my parents tonight. (*not call to* . . .)
- A: Could you use your cell phone when you were in Europe?  
B: No. My friends and family **e-mailed** me instead of calling.
- Let Sam know where to meet us. **E-mail** or **text** him before he leaves work.

## C

**Depend**

We say **depend on** . . . :

- A: Do you like eating in restaurants?  
B: Sometimes. It **depends on** the restaurant. (*not it depends of*)

You can say **it depends what/where/how**, etc., with or without **on**:

- A: Do you want to come out with us?  
B: It **depends where** you're going. *or* It **depends on where** you're going.

## 114.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with *to/for/at*, etc.



1. She's looking at her watch.
2. He's listening \_\_\_\_\_ the radio.
3. They're waiting \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi.
4. Paul is talking \_\_\_\_\_ Jane.
5. They're looking \_\_\_\_\_ a picture.
6. Sue is looking \_\_\_\_\_ Tom.

## 114.2 Complete the sentences with a preposition (*to/for/about*, etc.) if necessary.

1. Thank you very much for your help.
2. This isn't my umbrella. It belongs \_\_\_\_\_ a friend of mine.
3. Who's going to take care \_\_\_\_\_ your dog while you're out of town?
4. (on the phone) Can I speak \_\_\_\_\_ Steven Davis, please?
5. (on the phone) Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ calling. Goodbye.
6. Excuse me, I'm looking \_\_\_\_\_ Hill Street. Can you tell me where it is?
7. We're thinking \_\_\_\_\_ going to Australia next year.
8. We asked the waiter \_\_\_\_\_ tea, but he brought us coffee.
9. "Do you like to read books?" "It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the book."
10. John was talking, but nobody was listening \_\_\_\_\_ what he was saying.
11. I want to take your picture. Please look \_\_\_\_\_ the camera and smile.
12. We waited \_\_\_\_\_ Karen until 2:00, but she didn't come.
13. What happened \_\_\_\_\_ Ella last night? Why didn't she come to the party?
14. Don't forget to call \_\_\_\_\_ your mother tonight.
15. He's alone all day. He never talks \_\_\_\_\_ anybody.
16. "How much does it cost to stay at this hotel?" "It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the room."
17. It will be faster if you e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ me, but you can also write \_\_\_\_\_ me at this address.
18. Catherine is thinking \_\_\_\_\_ changing jobs.
19. I looked \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper, but I didn't read it carefully.
20. When you're sick, you need somebody to take care \_\_\_\_\_ you.
21. Barry is looking \_\_\_\_\_ a job. He wants to work in a hotel.
22. I don't want everyone to hear my conversation with Jane. I'll text \_\_\_\_\_ her.

## 114.3 Answer these questions with *It depends* . . . .

1. Do you want to go out with us?
2. Do you like to eat in restaurants?
3. Do you enjoy watching TV?
4. Can you do something for me?
5. Are you leaving town this weekend?
6. Can you lend me some money?

*It depends where you're going.*

*It depends on the restaurant.*

It depends \_\_\_\_\_

It \_\_\_\_\_

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